

The light shines in the darkness... John 1:5



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<https://www.lutheransnw.org/news/the-spirit>

OHLC's website:

www.oakharborlutheran.org

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Jt has been said that being a pastor is like being a dog at a whistling convention. Those whistles seem to be summoning you from every direction. Which one do you follow? Which one belongs to your true master? There are many expectations placed on pastors. These expectations come from society, from church members, from denominational officials, from pastors themselves. Should pastors be CEOs? Should they be entertainers? Should they be community organizers or activists? Are they part of the caring professions?

In lieu of a sabbatical last year, I asked for and received our church council's support in attending the Doxology Classic Program for pastoral renewal. The program began in June 2023 with two gatherings in Ohio and concluded last month with a final gathering in Kansas City. This program has helped re-train my ears to listen to and follow the correct whistle, the one belonging to my true Master. While there are kernels of legitimate comparison to other vocations (some more than others), the biblical paradigm for pastors is that of a shepherd, or, better yet, a sheepdog. The pastor's biblical calling is to spiritually shepherd a flock under the direction and on behalf of the Good Shepherd. Pastors engage in soul care by feeding the sheep, constantly directing the flock to Jesus in worship, in teaching, in pastoral care and counseling, all while keeping their own eyes on Christ, staying close to Him through personal study and prayer, so as to draw on Christ's strength and develop a keen sense of responsiveness to Christ's direction.

The Doxology program begins with this crucial premise and then explores many of the situations pastors deal with on a regular basis, looking at them through this lens. There were sessions on pastoral responses to depression and anxiety, suffering, and suicide. We learned about the importance of pastoral self-care in light of the risks of compassion fatigue and burnout. In the second gathering, which included a congregational representative (Glenn Cornelius), there were discussions about building and maintaining strong relationships in the congregation, both between members and between the pastor and the congregation. Pastors' spouses came to the third gathering and received support and encouragement in their unique roles.

Amy and I both greatly appreciated the effort this third gathering made to nurture pastors' spouses and their marriages. When we were newly married we found lots of support for pastors' spouses and marriages – first in seminary, and

then in the Montana synod, where I served my first call. Since then, there has been virtually nothing. We eventually sought it out, and found it in the Lutheran Marriage Encounter community, but it seems to have gone by the wayside in the official gatherings of our church body. And so we were both deeply moved to hear a Doxology preacher praise pastors' spouses in a sermon, noting how important their support is and how precious they are to Christ and to his church. This, along with wonderful conversations and fellowship with other pastors' wives, made this third gathering a very meaningful and much-appreciated time for Amy.

Another aspect of this program worth mentioning is that it was a pan-Lutheran gathering. While the leadership is all from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, there were Lutherans from other Lutheran church bodies welcomed as participants. As someone who loves classic confessional Lutheran theology and appreciates Lutheranism in all its branches, I thrive in these areas of overlap, which are sadly becoming increasingly rare. (Lutheran Marriage Encounter is another pan-Lutheran, parachurch ministry.) Such gatherings are not without challenges, but I find them to be worth the effort. I believe Lutheran Christianity in America would be much better off if we were more intentionally tethered to one another and in more frequent conversation. On a related note, all the gatherings were held in Roman Catholic retreat centers, which provided exceptional hospitality to us Lutherans. There is hope yet for greater tangible unity in the church!

One of the last tasks given to Doxology participants was to describe what difference Doxology has made in our lives and ministries. My experience was truly one of renewal. Doxology helped me look at areas in my life that needed some attention, and after fourteen months in the program, I feel physically, emotionally, and spiritually healthier than I have been in years. Doxology also helped readjust my understanding of my vocation as a pastor, refocusing it on the biblical model of shepherding souls. Best of all, Doxology has helped me hear more clearly the whistle of my true Master, that I would continue to know, follow, and serve Christ as an undershepherd of his flock.



I can't express how grateful I am to OHLC for supporting my participation in the Doxology program. It has made such a positive difference for me. Amy is grateful too. Thank you.

Pastor Jeffrey R. Spencer

WORSHIP NOTES

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMING SEPT. 8!



Please note that beginning Sunday, September 8, we will be going back to two worship services, at 8:00 and 10:30.

SEPTEMBER 8: BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Hey kids! Bring your school backpacks (or other school bags) to church on Sunday, September 8 (either service), for a special blessing to get your school year started right. All kids in attendance will also receive a little something to put in their backpack to remind them of God's love in Christ.



MUSIC REHEARSALS BEGIN!

Join us as we lift our voices in praise to God, rehearsing anthems for our Sunday morning worship services. Weekly practice for the **Chancel Choir begins Wednesday, September 18, 4:00-5:00 PM.**

Jubilate Ringers, our handbell group, begins weekly rehearsals, **Wednesday, September 25, Time TBA.** If you are interested in joining contact **Ron Ernst, 360-672-6616, ernie0220@msn.com**

Children's Singing Choir will be practicing Sept 1st, 10:45 AM and singing Sept 8th.

NEW MEMBER CLASS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 15, NOON



Those interested in becoming members at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church are invited to our fall new member class, held in our church library at Noon. A light lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to pastor@oakharborlutheran.org.

NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS BEGINNING SEPT. 8

A TREASURY OF BIBLE STORIES FOR GROWN-UPS

This fall and early winter Pastor Spencer will be teaching a new Bible study series bringing a grown-up perspective to classic Bible stories. In fact, the stories we explore will be the same ones our children will be learning in Sunday school class! Come get reacquainted with the core stories of Holy Scripture. By exploring them more deeply you will find there is more to them than you may remember from Sunday school! This class will be held in the church library on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 and on Wednesday nights from 7pm-8pm. Reading the passages ahead of time is encouraged but not required. Here's our schedule for September:

September 8/11: Genesis 2:4-25: God Creates Humans and Animals

September 15/18: Genesis 4:1-16: Cain & Abel

September 22/25: NO CLASS *Pastor out of town*

Sept. 29/Oct. 2: Genesis 18:1-15: Abraham & Sarah Promised a Child

Included in this newsletter are *Prayer Ventures* & *The Spirit* for September.



The church office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 2.

The deadline for articles for the October newsletter is Wednesday, Sept. 18.

The Brotherhood of St. Bernard, OHLC's men's fellowship & Bible study group, meets at noon in the fellowship hall on Tuesdays, Sept. 10 & 24.

The One Thing Book Group meets Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:30 PM at Jan H.'s house. The book for discussion is *West with Giraffes*, by Lynda Rutledge.

GROWING & LEARNING

SEPT. 6: LUTH YOUTH TAILGATE PARTY

Our Luth Youth (grades 7-12) are invited to join us in the church parking lot at 6pm before the OHHS football game for free hot dogs, chips, and drinks. We'll also have a cornhole set and some Frisbees. Come fill up and hang out before the game! Feel free to bring your friends!



SEPT. 8: NEW FORMAT FOR YOUTH & FAMILY NIGHT!

This year we are trying a new format for our Youth & Family Nights. We will be meeting earlier, from 4pm-6pm, and offering a free and fully provided dinner. You don't need to bring anything!



Join us as we kick off this new format on **Sunday, September 8** with a BBQ dinner, activities, and a family-friendly devotion time!

RSVPs are appreciated and can be made via the Connection Card or by emailing Beth at beth@oakharborlutheran.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

Another exciting program year of Christian education for all ages is about to begin! The first day of Sunday School is **Sunday, Sept. 8**, starting at 9:15 AM.

Kindergarten up through high school students will kick off the new school year! Kids (and any parents who'd like to join us) will meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM for a meet & greet with the teachers. Then we will move to the classrooms for our first lesson.

Student Registration Forms are available in the narthex. Please return completed forms to the office ASAP.

If you have questions about Sunday School or would like to volunteer as a teacher or substitute, please make a note on a Connection Card in your Sunday bulletin or contact Beth, beth@oakharborlutheran.org



MUNCHY MONDAY RETURNS!

(and volunteers are needed!!)



Our student outreach program for Oak Harbor High School will start on Monday the 9th of September. Barring holidays, we will again provide a safe hangout space at the church for students on early release Mondays between the hours of 1:00 & 3:00 PM. Kitchen set-up begins at 12:30 on Monday afternoons; shepherding is from 1:00 to 3:00. We are looking for volunteers to set up in the kitchen and shepherd the students as well as those willing to donate food and/or supplies. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity or would like to learn more please sign up on the Connection Card insert in your Sunday bulletin or contact me, beth@oakharborlutheran.org

An orientation and Child Protection Policy training will be held both Monday, Sept. 9, at 12:30 PM and Sunday, Sept 22, at noon for all prospective volunteers.

This month Munchy Monday is the ministry of the month! Check out the bulletin board in the narthex for info and photos from past years and consider volunteering. Welcoming people are greatly needed to keep this ministry going. You can also make an offering above and beyond your support of OHLC. Please put **MM** on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support!

- Beth Stephens

ADVENTURERS WANTED!

QUEST CLUB is open to youth of all skill levels, age 12 and up. Join the Dead Sea Squirrels adventuring party in a TTRPG game based on Dungeons & Dragons as they travel through the lands and time of the Bible on a quest to track down the missing Magi and discover more about a mysterious prophecy. For more information contact Beth Stephens, beth@oakharborlutheran.org.



NEW PLAYERS: Sign-up ahead is preferred for character creation but not required.

We meet in the education wing at church. This month's meetings will be:

SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 15 & 29, 4:00-6:00 PM

HIS KIDS PRESCHOOL

A Ministry of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

BACK TO SCHOOL season is upon us! At His Kids Preschool we are looking forward to a wonderful 2024-2025 school year, we are beyond blessed and starting off with a FULL class of 16 students, and even a few on the wait list!

The classroom and playground are being organized, cleaned, and decorated in preparation for students and families! Conferences are scheduled for Sept. 3rd and 4th, and handbooks have been updated! School will start September 9th!

We look forward to welcoming students as well as our teachers back! They have been missed!

I wanted to take an extra moment to thank you for your continued support of His Kids Preschool! We have been able to update several things over the summer, including a new printer and camera; much needed as our old ones were well loved and used to every inch of their abilities. More student book bags were purchased in preparation for next year, and new reading cushions for our library! Just the beginning of some of our updates and enhancements; we are so grateful!

This year we welcome:

Liam B., Dallas B., Abby F., Colton F., Lennox H., Hannah H., Madden L., Maren M., Harper R., Theo R., Everett S., Karter S., Everett S. (Yes! We have two Everett S's), Branch R., Sadie R., and Wren W.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the program, our teachers, our volunteers and staff, the students, and their families! We look forward to an amazing year!

God is Good,

Ms. Jasmine, Ms. Elva,
Ms. Michelle, Ms. Debbie



Welcome to
Preschool

OHLC WOMEN

Opportunities for Fellowship, Study & Service

BLANKET WORKSHOP

Blanket Workshop meets Tuesday & Wednesday, Sept. 3&4, at 9:30 in the fellowship hall to work on tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Newcomers are always welcome!

*Women's
Study Groups*



CIRCLES IN SEPTEMBER

Lydia Circle meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM in the education wing alternating LifeGuide Bible Studies with working on items for the upcoming Holiday Bazaar. (Bazaar is Nov. 2nd!) For more information, contact Peg Fosnaugh, 360-929-1653. All are welcome to attend!

September 3rd– Chapter 5, Women of the New Testament

September 10th– Bazaar workshop

September 17th– Chapter 6, Women of the New Testament

September 24th– Bazaar workshop

Deborah Circle meets each Thursday at 1pm in the Library.

Questions? Contact Gaye Rodriguey at gaye@tobysuds.com

September 5th–“After Certainty”, Session three, “Compassion”,
pages 30-32, July/August 2024 Gather magazine.

September 12th-Session three, pages 32-34.

September 19th-Session three, pages 34-36

September 26th-Grateful Gatherings, “Awaken Your Senses”

-Stephen Ministry will meet on Thursday, Sept. 12th at 4 PM in the Library. In preparation for our discussion about prayer with Pastor Jeff, please read chapters 5 & 6 in *Christian Caregiving, A Way of Life*.

Empathy with Siblings (Part 1)

Anyone with siblings knows these relationships can be difficult at times. Even siblings who are on good terms may find that tensions can arise every now and then. Empathy is a great way to reach across those divides. In response to this discussion, I offered four suggestions for relating with siblings, drawn from *The Gift of Empathy*. I wanted to share those with you as well:

1. Do Your Best to See Things from Your Sibling's Perspective

As the seventh of ten siblings, I had very different experiences growing up compared to the youngest, my brother Matthew. Likewise, our sister Prisca, the oldest, experienced our family in a way unlike either of us. We each have our own perspective, sometimes even remembering the same events quite differently. During the discussion at the retreat, one person shared that he and his younger sister, who were born 14 years apart, had recently talked about their recollections of their mother. As they talked, she came to the realization that their mother was 21 when she was born and 35 when her brother was born. So, in many ways, their mom was a very different mother for each of them. Recognize that your sibling's experience growing up may be very different from your own, which has likely affected the people you are now. Put aside your own perspective or bias for a time, and attempt to put yourself in their shoes instead. With that understanding, empathizing becomes much more doable.

2. Relate to Your Siblings Based on Who They Are Now

Siblings sometimes fall into the trap of viewing and relating to each other as if they are the same people they were as children. For example, the older may view the younger as immature and irresponsible, or the younger may view the older as controlling and domineering—even after decades of growth and change. A member of our staff at Stephen Ministries shared that he found this especially true with his youngest sister, who was still in middle school when he left for college. For years, his perception of her was based on the preteen sister she was when he left home. When they reestablished their relationship after his sister graduated college, it took some effort for him to get to know her as an adult so he could overcome that outdated impression and better relate to the person she is now. While aspects of a sibling's personality may stay consistent over time, they won't remain entirely the same as they mature and accumulate life experiences. Become acquainted with, accept, and as much as possible appreciate the person your sibling is now. Doing so paves the way for empathizing based on the reality of their current self, not the person they used to be.

- Joel Bretscher, Program Director Stephen Ministries

Look for Part 2 next month in the October '24 Newsletter

Because I'm a teacher, I've always celebrated the "New Year" in September. In this "new year" I will be sharing devotions from the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association 2024-2025

Devotional Guide. A variety of writers, including myself, contribute to this devotional booklet every year. The booklet is then published and shared with all the ELEA schools and learning centers across the United States. The devotions offer encouragement, support, connection and inspiration to leaders, teachers, staff, families and caregivers. Our youngest neighbors need our love and prayers.

Shalom, Gaye

Created To Be

As we begin this school year, let us reflect on Psalm 139: 13-16. Each of us—students, teachers, staff, families, and caregivers—is wonderfully and fearfully made by God, created with purpose and love.

Leaders: You are created to guide and inspire. Your wisdom and compassion foster a community where everyone feels valued.

Teachers and Staff: You are created to nurture knowledge and character. Every lesson and interaction reflects God's creativity. Inspire each child to discover their gifts. You are the backbone of our community. Your dedication ensures the school thrives.

Families and Caregivers: You are our students' primary support. Your love and encouragement lay the foundation for their growth. Partner with us to shape their futures.

As we step into this new year, remember that we are all part of God's intricate design. Embrace your role with joy, knowing your contributions weave a beautiful future for our students.

Let Us Pray: Gracious creator, thank you for forming us with such care and intention. As we begin this school year, help us embrace our roles within enthusiasm and love. Guide our leaders, teachers, staff, families, and caregivers to work together harmoniously. May we reflect your love in all we do, connecting, developing, and inspiring each child and each other to become who they are created to be. Amen.

Cory Newman,

Executive Director, Evangelical Lutheran Education Association

COMPASSION MINISTRY

REDEVELOPING OUR COMPASSION TEAM !

Those interested in the compassion ministries of our congregation (including, but not limited to: Stephen Ministry, Help House, Watoto, ELCA World Hunger, Josephine, and the like) are encouraged to mark your calendars for **Thursday, October 3** for a meeting at 7 pm in the church library. We will review our remaining ministries of the month for 2024, do some planning for 2025, and work on redeveloping our organization and leadership for this ministry team. All who are interested are encouraged to attend.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: MUNCHY MONDAY

Our focus this month is OHLC's almost-weekly, early-release Monday outreach to Oak Harbor High School students. A ministry we've offered for quite some time now, though its gone through a few name changes through the years.

Beth Stephens is our Munchy Monday coordinator; see her article on page 7 for more information.

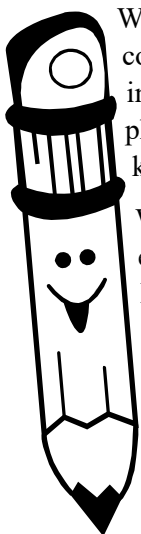
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Wow! I am overwhelmed by the generosity of our congregation! Boxes and bags filled with school supplies were piling up in the narthex all summer. A big thank you to Beth Stephens for keeping them organized and moving them to the school kit storage space.

We have collected enough notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, and erasers to make 100 school kits for kids in need around the world. However, we could still use monetary donations to be applied towards the purchase of satchels and shipping costs. Sunday School students will assemble the kits in October, to celebrate our ministry of the month, Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you so much for supporting Lutheran World Relief School Kits.

Kerri Cotten



WRAPPING UP THE BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Ecclesiastes 11:5 - "Just as you cannot understand the path of the wind or the mystery of a tiny baby growing in its mother's womb, so you cannot understand the activity of God, who does all things."



A Heartfelt Thanks to Pastor Jeff for his help with the Baby Bottle Boomerang fund raiser and to all who so generously gave to the mission. God will most generously give back to you. God Bless!

-Morrie Parker, Liaison for Whidbey Island Women's Clinic. We are the voice for those who have none.

WATOTO GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 !

Benefitting the children and women of Uganda under the care of Watoto Childcare Ministries, which provides education, housing, job training, family and medical care. **Donations** may be dropped off at OHLC on **Friday, September 20th, 3-7pm** or by special arrangement.

Please **NO** clothing, electronics, or exercise equipment. For large items please check with team member and be willing to take it back if not sold.

Thank you for your continued support.

WATOTO Mission Team



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS

ANOTHER 6-WEEK SERIES

Pastor Laurie Johnson's current Grief Support Group is concluding its series of weekly meetings in mid-July. **She will be offering another 6-week series this fall, Oct. 2 – Nov. 6**, meeting at 2:00-3:30 PM in the OHLC library. Please contact Pastor Laurie if you are interested in participating or would like more information, johnsonla@whidbeyhealth.org .

VOLUNTEER ARCHIVIST NEEDED

Josephine Caring Community is recruiting a volunteer archivist to organize documents and photographs spanning its 116-year history. All work is remote and there is no immediate deadline. A modest budget will be available for archival materials.



Contact Rev. Eileen Burdick at eileenb@josephinecc.com or

INTRODUCING LIVE PROJECT COURSES AND EVENTS

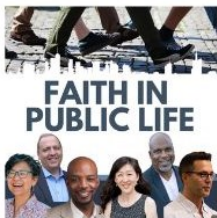
What is LiVE? Living into Vocational Engagement

/LiVE/ (rhymes with “give”): a lay ministry of the NW WA synod-ELCA, forming Christian leaders able to make sense of our place in God’s world.

LiVE: is a hybrid-style learning community including: in-person retreats, courses, and cohorts via zoom.

LiVE: is theologically thoughtful, culturally responsive, and communally engaged.

September



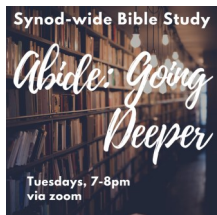
Faith In Public Life

Various Guest-Faculty

Zoom Course | Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM, Sept 18-Oct 30

What does it mean for us to be church in and with today’s world? Through a variety of voices, disciplines, and topics we will explore what it means that God calls us in the Gospel to a public witness as people of faith today.

Year-Round Bible Study



Abide: Going Deeper

Tuesdays via Zoom, 7-8 PM | Synod-wide and FREE

We invite you to abide curiously in God’s Word together. LiVE retreats and courses are not meant to be stand alone offerings. Go deeper into the Biblical grounding of course/retreat themes in the weekly synod-wide Bible Study via zoom. (free offering)

<https://www.lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project>

✉ live@lutheransnw.org



A Note from Peg: Cancer is a Scary Thing

When I first heard my diagnosis last December (the day before our 55th wedding anniversary) I was numb. It couldn’t be happening to me! But then I remembered the lump; the huge changes I felt that I even kept from my family because I didn’t want them to worry or feel sorry for me.

I prayed harder and more often and felt peaceful. I decided God gave me a challenge, so I accepted the diagnosis and began my “new life.” I did not cry and ask, “why me?” I just accepted that now I had to tell everyone. And it was hard!

All attention was focused on me and I didn’t know how I would handle it. It turns out that my friends, family, and OHLC family surrounded me with prayer and so much love that having cancer became “the norm.” The chemo treatments left me drained for several days then it would be time for the next one (every other Thursday). The last four were more difficult as I had ice packs on feet and hands to help with neuropathy. On June 20, Dave celebrated with me by spending his birthday sitting with me for five hours then I Rang The Bell (the end of chemo) while sitting in a wheelchair. A month to recuperate, and relearn walking and balance then three weeks, 5 days a week, of radiation. Scary, as I have heard stories, but it was not bad. Monday, August 19, I once again Rang The Bell to signify end of treatment.

I am now ready to begin new adventures and hopefully soon to continue where I left off with volunteering. I have been blessed with prayers, phone calls, texts, many cards, yummy meals, visits from friends, and beautiful gifts including: a cheesecake, blanket, books, crosses, and hats—so many wonderful hats. And friendships that I will treasure forever.

I have “chemo brain” (yes its real) and if you look closely my hair is growing! And I am so excited to be back in church, not just watching from outside. Love and blessings to all of you and please keep your prayer going for everyone who needs them; they do work. God gave me a challenge to grow in my faith and trust. He was there with me every step of the way. Praise Him!

A special “thank you” to Dave for his unceasing love and care, and for not giving up on me. And a special “thank you” to all the professionals at Skagit Oncology who always made me feel special and loved. If I had to go through cancer, I’m blessed it was with them.

Peg Fosnaugh

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
September 1		
9:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Moira Bartrand Acolyte: Abby Gray Communion Asst: Louis Bartrand Healing Prayer: F. Leukhardt, D. Meyers	Computer: Donna Aspery Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst
September 8		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Tom Carey Acolyte: Anna Richards	Computer: Lucas Stone Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Skip Lycksell Communion Asst: Leslie Improta	Computer: John Totten Organ/Piano: Verna Morgan
September 15		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Jeff Margraf Acolyte: Matthew Richards	Computer: Lisa Margraf Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Barb Wilson Communion Asst: Kerri Totten	Computer: Bruce Holroyd Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst
September 22		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Marty Leukhardt Acolyte: Elizabeth Richards	Computer: Emma Norman Organ/Piano: Kim
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Trudy Decker Communion Asst: Rita Carter	Computer: Kale Totten Organ/Piano: Kim
September 29		
8:00 AM	Assisting Minister: Sheila Ryan Acolyte:	Computer: Sam Richards Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst
10:30 AM	Assisting Minister: Gaylen Smith Communion Asst: Laurie Johnson	Computer: Bruce Holroyd Organ/Piano: Jan Ernst

Little Lutheran bags in September: Jan Kammenga

Thank you to Trudy Decker for August!

This month's decorative font is **ACADEMY**

Drop caps are **Academy Text**

Financial Report

July

	July	Year to date
Income	\$ 27,814	\$ 252,670
Outgo	<u>31,298</u>	<u>235,124</u>

Worship Attendance

July & August

Date **9:30 AM** Summer Service

July 7	124
July 14	120
July 21	127
July 28	114
Aug 4	117
Aug 11	109
Aug 18	144
Aug 25	105

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Avg. Att. 120


Lesser Festivals & Commemorations

September

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| 2 Nicolai Frederik Severin Grundvig,
bishop, renewer of the Church, 1872 | 17 Hildegard of Bingen,
abbess, 1179 |
| 9 Peter Claver, priest, missionary to
Colombia, 1654 | 18 Dag Hammarskjold,
peacemaker, 1961 |
| 13 John Chrysostom, Bishop of
Constantinople, 407 | 21 Matthew, Apostle
& Evangelist |
| 14 The Holy Cross | 29 Michael and All Angels |
| 16 Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, | 30 Jerome, translator, teacher, 420 |

SEPTEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Summer Worship 9:30 <i>Children's Singing Choir</i> 10:45 CA/library 7:30	2 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed 7:00 North Whidbey NA/ library	3 9:30 Blanket Workshop 5:30 Lydia Circle 5:30 Al Anon	4 9:30 Blanket Workshop	5 1:00 Deborah Circle 6:30 <i>She Sharps</i> 7:00 NA	6 6:00 Luth Youth Tailgate	7
8 <i>Blessing of the School Backpacks</i> Worship 8:00 Sunday School Rally Day Adult Ed. 9:15 Worship 10:30 Youth/Family BBQ 4:00 CA/library 7:30	9 12:30 M.M. set-up 1:30 Munchy Monday 6:00 WIYS 7:00 North Whidbey NA/ library	10 10:00 Church Mice Stampers 12:00 Brotherhood of St. Bernard 5:30 Bazaar Wkshp 5:30 Al Anon	11 11:30 OHLC Staff 7:00 Adult Ed.	12 1:00 Deborah Circle 4:00 Stephen Ministry 6:30 Council 6:30 <i>She Sharps</i> 7:00 NA, fellowship hall	13	14
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